

Remarks

Paragraphs [0019], [0029] and [0033] in the specification have been amended to correct obvious grammar errors.

Claim 1-9 have been deleted and the subject matter in claim 9 rewritten as new claim 11. Claim 10 has been made dependent on claim 9. A new 12 has been presented which is base on originally filed claim 10 and specifically recites that the plurality of tabs prevent the front face from being located adjacent the brake boost but assure that the plurality of radial ribs on the wall are located adjacent the base of the boot such that communication of air from the engine compartment to the bore of the valve body occurs along a flow path defined by a peripheral slot in the spacer, an axial slot in the spacer, the plurality of radial slots in the spacer and an axial space between an accordion shaped body of the boot and the cylindrical projection of the valve body to assure that the front face is adjacent the base member of the boot in the establishment of the flow paths, the plurality of radial ribs on the wall prevent the base member of the boot from engaging the wall to assure that the flow path through by the plurality of radial slots remains a substantially same size during the communication of air from the engine compartment to the bore of said valve body.

The specific recitations in claim 12 with respect to the radial slots and the assurance of its alignment with respect to the base of the boot is clearly not suggest by the prior art not could it be inferred from a combination of the references as the disclosures are silent on an flow paths from the engine compartment. The specific purpose of the radial ribs prevent the base of the boot from engaging the wall in a manner that would interfere with the free flow of air to be presented to the control valve. Thus without a discussion of a problem in the prior art a solution can not be inferred from the prior art and as a result the invention recited in claim 12 is allowable over the prior art.

Dependent claim 13 and 14 recited further limitations for the structure of claim 12 and are also allowable.

A new Abstract is being presented to replace the abstract presented in the amendment of May 24, 2004 to reflect the subject matter of the invention now recited in the claims.

In conclusion, this amendment places this application in condition for allowance.

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